

Linda Arleen Martin Smith

July 4, 1943 ~ September 22, 2024

Our dear Linda Arleen Martin Smith of Chubbuck, Idaho passed away peacefully on September 22, 2024, in Pocatello, Idaho at the age of 81. Born July 4, 1943, in Provo, Utah, she was the only daughter of Jeradean Pritchett and Leno Martin. As a child, she thought she must be a big deal for the whole country to celebrate her birthday with fireworks each year.

She had four brothers; and as children, they enjoyed many adventures together. When she was twelve, her young father passed from bone cancer, which was a difficult challenge for her. As a young adult, she was a ballroom dance instructor for the Tony DeCarlo Dance Studio at the University of Utah. In 1964, Linda met Monte Wayne Smith and his three girls in Sunday services in the Canyon Rim Ward in Salt Lake City. They were later married on July 22, 1965, in the Logan Temple. Together they raised and fostered ten children and later cared for her mother in the welcoming Salt Lake neighborhoods and suburbs where they lived for 44 years.

Linda often had multiple projects on the front burner, side burner, and back burner of life, such as sewing clothing, sharing home-cooked meals, organizing the house, and taxiing children to school, sports activities, music lessons, and recitals for organ, piano, or clarinet. When the youngest children started school, she worked as a docket clerk for the state legislature, and later as a bookkeeper for a dental lab, a receptionist for Nighttime Pediatrics, an office assistant at Intermountain Healthcare, and on the office staff for the Salt Lake County Surveyor. In 2008, Linda and Monte moved from Cottonwood Heights to Chubbuck, Idaho into a wonderful neighborhood where they have lived for 17 years.

Linda found great comfort and inspiration in attending church services and watching the construction of the temple in Pocatello. She was also a devoted fan of BYU-TV where she loved listening to sermons and stories that provided encouragement and strength. She fought a long battle with Alzheimer’s, but often made the effort to smile. She once penned, “My Father’s greatest gift to me was his smile and reminder that smiling helps me feel better...I assume as [his] pain was taken away and the Savior came to hold him close, he smiled.” She will always be remembered for her smile, her laugh, and how she interacted with her family and close friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Leno and Jeradean; her brother, Loren; and her daughter, Lanette. She is survived by her husband, Monte; her brothers, Larry, Wilson, and Keith; her children, Mona (John), Tina (Jerry), Michael (Marie), David (Lisa), Tami, Becky, Dan (Misty), Amy Lankford, and James Lankford (Sarah); as well as 31 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Utah on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens located at 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT 84092. Interment will be at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery at 3:00 pm. Another memorial service will be held in Idaho on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at

2:00 pm at the Chubbuck Idaho Stake Building on 450 James Avenue, Chubbuck, ID 83202.

To watch a recording of the service, please click on the tab above that says "Watch Service" or follow this link:
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